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## HIGHLIGHTS

### RETIREMENT CELEBRATION THANK YOU

Linda Talbott, retired Administrator at the Barton County Health Department, wishes to thank everyone who attended her retirement reception and for all the well wishes for her 31 years of service to public health.

### SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2015 MISSOURI IMMUNIZATION TRAINING

Registration will open soon for the free, two half-day immunization training for health care professionals and medical providers on October 6-7. The theme for this year's training is "*Promote, Prevent and Protect: Immunizations through a Lifetime*". The training is being held at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, from 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 6, through 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 7. The training will focus on Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination; vaccine scheduling; vaccine preventable diseases in Missouri; college vaccinations, and National Adult Immunizations Standards of Practice. There will be a pre-session VFC411 training for Vaccines for Children providers. A special showing of *Someone You Love: The HPV Epidemic* will be shown in the evening on October 6. A post-session Immunization Billing Workshop for local public health agencies will be held October 7. There is no registration fee to attend any of the sessions or training. On-line registration will open soon.

### ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH TRACKING (EPHT) PORTAL LAYOUT ENHANCEMENTS

The Missouri EPHT Program recently implemented a facelift on the layout of the portal. The new layout was designed to be more visually appealing and user friendly by grouping similar items and may be accessed at [http://ephthn.dhss.mo.gov/EPHTN\\_Data\\_Portal/index.php](http://ephthn.dhss.mo.gov/EPHTN_Data_Portal/index.php). If you desire to learn more about the National Tracking Program, we encourage you to enroll in the *Tracking 101* or *Tracking in Action* online training courses offered by National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) free of charge. Direct links to the courses are provided on the *Training* page of the EPHT portal.

## Meetings, Conferences, and Trainings (cont.)

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- [CDC's Weekly Scientific Digest](#)
- [CDC Environmental Health Training Resources](#)
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- [Missouri Health Information Technology \(MO HIT\) Assistance Center](#)
- [Ozark Public Health Institute](#)

## MISSOURI BOARD OF CERTIFICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS EXAM UPDATE

Those desiring to take the certification exam for Environmental Health Professionals at the fall Missouri Environmental Health Association Conference may retrieve the application and study guide from the [mmfeha.org](http://mmfeha.org) website and contact the new treasurer, Laura Whiffen, at 417-864-1426 or [lwhiffen@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:lwhiffen@springfieldmo.gov). Please submit the Application, along with the transcripts with science courses highlighted, to Laura Whiffen, 320 E. Central, Springfield, MO 65802. The fee for application and exam is \$75. Please make check payable to the Missouri Board of Certification for Environmental Health Professionals and submit prior to September 1.

## A MEDICARE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

The Missouri State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides unbiased and free assistance for Medicare consumers, their families, and professionals. The program is funded by the Department of Insurance, Professional Registration and Financial Institutions through a grant from the Administration for Community Living. We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a Medicare seminar in Springfield on Friday, September 25. The training uses Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved training materials and a CMS staff person will also be in attendance. The training is of no cost to the participant and will provide a basic understanding of Medicare Part A, B, C, and D. In addition, they will receive a thumb drive which will include all of the CMS training materials. [Attached](#) is the agenda and the link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/springfield-medicare-training-program-registration-17974541337> for registration.

## NURSING LICENSE PLATES NOW AVAILABLE

The Missouri Nurses Foundation (MNF), a nonprofit working to promote the future of nursing, seeks to build camaraderie among and visibility of nurses in our state and is sponsoring a specialty license plate celebrating Missouri nurses. As an engaged nurse, MNF is offering you the opportunity to be among the first to drive with pride in your nursing profession. For additional information, click [here](#).

## SAFE AT HOME ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM

*Safe at Home* is an address confidentiality program administered by the Secretary of State's office that helps survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or rape in their efforts to stay safe. Participants in the program are able to use a substitute address assigned to them by *Safe at Home* when making new records with state and local government agencies so that abusers cannot track participants through public records. Please feel free to refer clients to *Safe at Home* who may benefit from the program. State and local agencies are required to accept a *Safe at Home* address when making new records. Agencies may telephone *Safe at Home* if there are any questions about taking the substitute address or if verification of residency is needed. For more information, please visit [www.MoSafeAtHome.com](http://www.MoSafeAtHome.com) or telephone 866-509-1409.

## AUGUST 27 ICD-10 TRAINING AND RESOURCES

The National Provider Call: Countdown to ICD-10 training will be held on Thursday, August 27, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST. To register, visit [MLN Connects Event Registration](#), space may be limited, so register early. For more information, please see the attached [flyer](#). Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Training: [www.Roadto10.org](http://www.Roadto10.org). For ICD-10 questions related to coding or policy, Tisha McGowan with MO HealthNet can be contacted at 573-522-4294 or [Tisha.A.McGowan@dss.mo.gov](mailto:Tisha.A.McGowan@dss.mo.gov).

## **WIC UPDATES**

The WIC Updates have been posted to the WIC web page. You can view the updates at <http://health.mo.gov/living/families/wic/wicupdates/index.php>. This week's updates include:

- Microcuvette and Analyzer Deliveries
- Reminder: University Of Minnesota National Maternal Nutrition Intensive Course Seminar Telecast
- 2016 WIC Paraprofessional/Professional Training for WIC Certifiers and CPAS
- Webinar - WIC Child Retention Strategies
- WIC Approved Food List (English) Shipping Plan
- Upcoming State Holidays
- CEU Corner

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT (LDH) ACCREDITATION PREPARATION NOW AVAILABLE**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is pleased to announce an upcoming funding opportunity for local health departments. With funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC's) Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support, NACCHO will be offering a fifth year of Accreditation Support Initiative (ASI) awards. These awards are intended to stimulate quality improvement and promote the readiness of health departments to seek voluntary national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). Potential project activities include efforts to meeting identified PHAB prerequisites, preparing documentation, and offsetting accreditation fees. In addition to monetary support, selected sites will also receive technical assistance from NACCHO and connections to peers in the field.

**Access the Request for Proposal (RFP) and application at** [www.naccho.org/fees](http://www.naccho.org/fees). If you are interested in applying for this opportunity, NACCHO recommends that you assess your agency's accreditation preparation needs and goals over the coming weeks to prepare for the application. NACCHO also recommends you review its [standard contract language](#) because it cannot be modified if an award is received. Questions about this upcoming opportunity can be directed to [asi@naccho.org](mailto:asi@naccho.org).

## **BREAST CANCER SURVIVORSHIP CARE - TARGETING A COLORECTAL CANCER EDUCATION INTERVENTION**

Breast cancer survivors are at risk of developing a second primary cancer. Colorectal cancer (CRC) is one of the leading second primary cancers, and it is often preventable. We developed a multi-component educational tool to inform and encourage women breast cancer survivors to engage in CRC screening. To assess the strengths and weakness of the tool and to improve the relevancy to the target audience, we convened four focus groups of women breast cancer survivors in Missouri. We also assessed the potential impact of the tool on the knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs regarding CRC and collected information on the barriers to CRC screening through pre- and post-focus groups' questionnaires. A total of 43 women breast cancer survivors participated and provided very valuable suggestions on design and content to update the tool. Through the process and comparing pre-and post-focus group assessments, a significantly higher proportion of breast cancer survivors strongly agreed or agreed that CRC is preventable and became aware that they were at a slightly increased risk for CRC. The most cited barrier was the complexity of preparation for colonoscopy. To view more on this publication, please visit <http://www.mdpi.com/2075-4426/5/3/296>.

## **2014 MISSOURI BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (BRFSS) KEY FINDINGS REPORT AVAILABLE**

The 2014 Missouri (BRFSS) Key Findings Report is now available at <http://www.health.mo.gov/data/brfss/data.php>. The report includes the prevalence of Missouri adults with chronic diseases, conditions, and risk factors. Data are also available regarding access to health care and preventive practices including cancer screenings, dental visits, and immunizations. The BRFSS is an annual survey of Missouri adults whose landline and cell telephone numbers are randomly selected for participation.

## **DHSS CORNER**

### **DHSS JOB OPPORTUNITIES/NEWS:**

#### **NEW BUREAU CHIEF FOR THE BUREAU OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

Pat Simmons has accepted the position of Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Community Health and Wellness. Pat has held various positions within the Bureau, most recently serving as the Interim Chief. Pat brings tremendous programmatic knowledge to the position as well as historical knowledge of the Bureau. Pat will begin in her new role on Monday, August 24.

## MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND TRAININGS

### ENVIRONMENTAL CHILD CARE FALL TRAINING DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 2015

- September 9 - Central District, 930 Wildwood, Jefferson City
- September 22 - Southeast District Office, 1903 Northwood, Poplar Bluff **\*NOTE CHANGE IN DATE AND LOCATION\***
- September 29 - Northwest District Office, 3717 Whitney Ave, Independence
- October 7 - Macon, Macon Comfort Inn, 1821 North Missouri, Macon
- October 20 - Eastern District, St. Louis County Health Dept. 6121 North Hanley, Berkeley
- October 29 - Southwest District, Springfield Library, 4653 Campbell, Springfield

LPHAs are reminded that paragraph 7 of the Child Care Sanitation Program Inspections Participation Agreement requires Contractors to "Ensure that all inspectors complete annual training provided by the Department". The trainings listed above will be from 8am-4pm and will also include updates/training for the onsite sewage program as well as an overview of the Missouri Rapid Response Team Program. An agenda will be provided at a later date. Registration is not required.

#### **CHANGE IN DATE AND LOCATION: Southeast District Poplar Bluff Environmental Child Care Fall Training**

Due to scheduling conflicts, the date of the Southeast District Poplar Bluff ECC Fall Training has changed. The training will now be held on September 22 and will be located at the Department of Social Services building at 1903 Northwood, Poplar Bluff.

### ACTIVE PLAY WORKSHOPS FOR CHILD CARE

Join Diane Craft, Ph.D., a professor of physical education at SUNY Cortland in New York, to learn how to train and motivate child care staff to incorporate fun, inclusive, and developmentally appropriate physical activities into their daily schedules. There is no registration fee and participants will receive up to six clock hours. Two opportunities to attend:

**Thursday, September 17, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

#### **Kansas City**

Hilton Garden Inn

19677 E. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO

or

**Friday, September 18, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

#### **St. Louis**

Sheraton Westport Plaza

900 Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO

#### **Who should attend?**

- Child care and Head Start directors and lead teachers who are working on MOve Smart or other physical activity promotions.
- Anyone who actively promotes or coaches physical activity in early childhood, including University Extension Specialists, Child Care Health Consultants, Child Care Aware trainers, local public health agency staff and others.

Click [here](#) to complete the online registration form. **Deadline to register: September 10.** Call 573-522-2820 for more information.

### 2015 MISSOURI ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE – September 22-24

Registration is now open for the 2015 Missouri Annual Public Health Conference, "Creating Pathways to a Healthier Missouri." We have an exciting lineup of speakers, including the new Executive Director of National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, giving the keynote address. There are four tracks of breakout sessions: Policies, Programs, Partnerships, and Peering into the Future--so there is something for everyone! Please register today. The low conference hotel rate is guaranteed only if you make reservations before August 21. For more information, see the attached [flyer](#).

### 2015 PREVENTION EDUCATION EMPOWERS PEOPLE (PEEPs) CONFERENCE – September 29

The Southeast Missouri Drug Free Communities Coalition's (SMDFCC) mission is to join communities together in a common effort to build a healthy and safe community, reducing the risks of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs while promoting healthy attitudes and behavior. The conference is being held in Sikeston on September 29 beginning at 8:30 a.m. See the [attached](#) flyer for details.

## **20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BI-STATE INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONFERENCE – October 16**

The 20th Annual Bi-State Infectious Disease Conference will be held at the Marriott St. Louis Airport on Friday, October 16. This conference is jointly provided by Heartland National TB Center, Missouri and Illinois Public Health, and APIC-St. Louis Chapter 73. **Hot Topics** include: Antibiotic Stewardship, Emerging Illnesses, Fecal Transplantation, Occupational Health, Ebola: Lessons Learned Locally, C-difficile, CRE, TB and Adult Immunizations: What's Required. To register or for more information visit: [www.bistateidconference.org/](http://www.bistateidconference.org/).

## **8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MISSOURI RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE – November 18**

In celebration of 'Missouri Rural Health Day', the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health will be holding their annual **Missouri Rural Health Conference** on **November 18** at the Hilton Garden Inn in Columbia from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The conference will focus on raising awareness of unique healthcare issues being faced by rural Missourians as well as recognizing achievements that are being made in our rural communities. The registration form, agenda, and meeting information is now available on our [Rural Health website](#). Please forward this announcement to your agencies and community partners and encourage their participation in this worthwhile event!

## **SATELLITE BROADCASTS AND WEBCASTS**

### **UPCOMING SATELLITE BROADCASTS AND WEBCASTS**

Please see the [attached flier](#) listing upcoming satellite broadcasts. Contact Jackie McCoy at 573-751-6170 or Heather Rhodes at 573-751-6168 with questions or to report technical problems.

## **LPHA JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE – Gasconade County Health Department**

The Gasconade County Health Department is seeking a full-time Public Health Nurse position. Missouri nursing license required. Public health experience preferred but not required. For an application and job description, please stop by the Hermann office, 300 Schiller Street, Hermann, or e-mail a request to [greg.lara@gasconadecountyhealth.com](mailto:greg.lara@gasconadecountyhealth.com). Applications must be received by August 18.

### **PART-TIME WIC NUTRITIONIST- Gasconade County Health Department**

The Gasconade County Health Department is looking to fill a part-time WIC Nutritionist position. This position will require a minimum qualification of graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a bachelor's degree in dietetics, public health nutrition, human nutrition, nutritional sciences, nutrition and fitness, sports nutrition, restaurant and food services management, foods, family and consumer sciences, human environmental sciences, or home economics; including or supplemented by at least 15 semester hours in food and nutrition from a 4-year program, including at least one (1) course in diet therapy or medical nutrition therapy I & II, and one (1) course in community nutrition or nutrition in the life cycle/lifecycle nutrition; or completion of an undergraduate curriculum in nutrition or dietetics program accredited or approved by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Public health experience preferred, but not required. The ideal candidate must be dependable and self-motivated. Please submit to [greg.lara@gasconadecountyhealth.com](mailto:greg.lara@gasconadecountyhealth.com) or mail to Greg Lara 300 Schiller St., Hermann, MO 65041. The Gasconade County Health Department is an equal opportunity employer.

Gail Vasterling, Department Director, DHSS Staff  
County Presiding Commissioners, Board Chairs

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